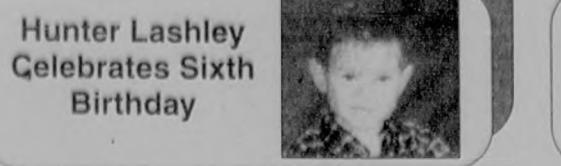


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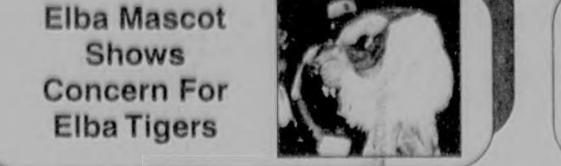
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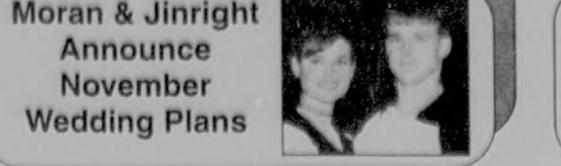
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CHARLES COLE SWORN IN AS TOWN'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MAYOR

Historical council assumes leadership in New Brockton

by Marvin McLain, Editor

On Monday evening, in New Brockton, history was made as its first African-American mayor took office.

Before a standing-room-only crowd more than 150 people inside with more on the outside in the Senior Citizens Center, Mayor-elect Charles Cole, along with other members of the council, was sworn in by the town's attorney, Joe Sawyer.

After the oath-of-office was administered, Mayor Cole asked each of the council members to introduce themselves to the audience. The new members consisted of District 1 representative John Herron, and Jody Stuckey, who represents District 3. Returning council members were: Rodger Harrison representing District 2; Ricky Strickland representing District 4, and Councilman Ron McMonagle representing District 5.

"It is with honor and much respect and humility that I accept the charge of ushering this great

city into a new age of leadership," said Mayor Cole. "Leadership based on integrity, community pride and the initiative to take the necessary strides to bring about positive development."

The mayor concluded his brief outline of some of the goals that he, along with the council hopes to attain, by saying, "We must work together. I intend to be a mayor for ALL people. There will be times when there will have to be some tough decisions made - I assure you I will make them. If I make a mistake, I'll apologize, accept the criticism and go on." He challenged the members of the council to "give their absolute best!"

With a rather lengthy agenda ahead of them, the council wasted little time attending to matters that had to be addressed in order for the town's business to proceed without interruption. The large crowd on hand patiently and attentively observed the new council in action.

The new mayor sped up the process by grouping several items on the agenda together, thus reduc-

ing the time needed to complete the agenda.

The first order of business was the election, by the council, of Rodger Harrison as the mayor pro tem. They also set the meeting time of the council as the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The council adopted the Roberts' Rules of Order and named City Clerk Annette Harrison as parliamentarian. "She's the one who keeps us straight anyway," commented Mayor Cole.

The following council committee appointments were made by the mayor and approved by the council. They were: Ricky Strickland - fire protection; Jody Stuckey - rescue; Mayor Cole - police and street departments; John Herron - zoning & building inspector; Rodger Harrison along with Jody Stuckey and J. C. McKenzie - parks, recreation & beautification; Mayor Cole, John Herron and James Driskell - planning commission; Mayor Cole, Rodger Harrison and Jody Stuckey - water board; Ron McMonagle, Ricky Strickland and Mayor Cole - senior citizens center; and Ron

McMonagle, Rodger Harrison, Mayor Cole, and James Driskell (chairman) - public relations and advisory board. Also, the mayor appointed three members from districts 1, 3, 4 & 5 to be prepared to name three members to this board at the next meeting.

All administrative personnel of the town were temporarily reappointed to their respective positions pending review and permanent appointments to be made in the near future.

Mayor Cole briefly reviewed the town's financial status pointing out that as of September 30, there is a balance of \$208,52 in the general fund; \$734,04 in the 4¢ gasoline tax fund; \$734,04 in the 4¢ gasoline tax fund; and #12,619.17 in the capital improvement fund.

The council also temporarily adopted the budget subject to review and modification in the very near future.



Picture above (l-r): Councilman John Herron, Councilman Rodger Harrison, Mayor Charles Cole, Councilman Ricky Strickland, Councilman Jody Stuckey, and Councilman Ron McMonagle.

Assistant Police Chief Kent Reynolds gave a report of the department's activity for the past month. He stated that the department issued 28 traffic citations, investigated three automobile accidents, and 34 other incidents. The fire department responded to one house fire, one grass fire and two automobile fires. Animal control collected

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Elba's new city council takes over



Pictured above (l-r) are: Councilman L. M. Burch, Councilman David Bandstra, Mayor James E. Grimes, Councilman H. H. Junior Culver, Councilman Harold Spicer, and Councilman Ronnie Hammon.

Elba City Council makes board appointments

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Mayor and City Council members were sworn in at 9:00 a.m. Guests were treated to refreshments following the ceremonies in which Circuit Judge Tom Head administered the Oath of Office, first to returning Mayor James Grimes and then to the four new city council members and lone returning member, Ronnie Hammond.

Mayor Grimes told the assembled group of plans to move forward with the 4 laneing of U. S. Highway 84, the levee repair and replace the new post office building, resurfacing of city streets (a high priority) many of which were resurfaced during the major sewer renovation just

winding up in town, more aggressive community clean-up and getting the fiber optic cable project underway (scheduled for May, 2001).

He added that all this could be accomplished with all members working together.

Monday evening the group held its organizational meeting, adopted operating procedures and assigned members to various responsibilities.

Ronnie Hammond was again named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem,

providing in the absence of the mayor otherwise acting in his absence.

Serving on the Water and Electric board will be Councilman Hammond, David Bandstra and L. M. Burch.

Junior Culver was named to the

Elba Planning & Zoning Board and to the S. E. Alabama Gas Board.

The council named R. W. Whitworth to continue serving as Police Chief; Don Morrow to continue as City Clerk; Billy Meek to continue as Street Superintendent and Jeff Kelley remains as City Attorney.

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. Thursday night (TONIGHT), October 5, at 7:30 p.m. Zion Chapel is away against Flora. The following games are set for Friday, October 6, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Elba Tigers are on the road against Highland Home; Kinston pays a visit to Pleasant Home; Brantley is at home against Arion; and New Brockton travels to Houston County.

VIETNAM VETS' MEETING. Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 5, at the Choctawhatchee County House. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public.

TAILGATE PARTY. The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first annual tailgate party on Thursday night before Elba's Homecoming, October 12, 2000 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This will be held at the lot next door to The Peoples Bank. Participants are being asked to decorate their car, truck or campsite in their favorite team colors in support of their team. Advance reservations must be made in order to prepare food. Kelly's BBQ will be grilling on-site. All Chamber members are encouraged to attend and bring a prospective member. This event is being sponsored by The Peoples Bank, SouthTrust, Kleiner's and Dorsey Trailers.

ELBA HIGH'S HOMECOMING PARADE. Elba High School's Homecoming Parade will be at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2000. Line-up will be behind the old Elba High School by 2:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to have an entry in the parade should contact the Elba High School office at 897-2266. The deadline for entering is noon Thursday, October 12.

the Corps to ensure that everything continues to move forward on the levee rehab. He expressed his gratitude to the Washington delegation for their dedicated efforts in acquiring funding for this vital project.

Grimes noted that the \$12.7 million project is a 65% to 35% matching project and the completed project will become a reality.

"Congress authorized funding for the levee rehabilitation project last year but funds were not appropriated until this year," Everett said. "I have worked with the Alabama congressional delegation over the last 12 months to ensure that the levee funds would be appropriated so that this important design and construction work could move forward and residents of both cities could finally breathe a little easier."

"Most importantly," Everett added, "this funding approval signals that the levee construction projects are now a federal priority and such could continue to receive the necessary annual funding to move forward."

Shuly added to Everett's comments and said "This initial funding will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to begin efforts on these important flood control projects. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am going to continue to work to secure full funding for the levee construction projects this year."

Elba Mayor James Grimes said he will keep working closely with the Corps to ensure that everything continues to move forward on the levee rehab. He expressed his gratitude to the Washington delegation for their dedicated efforts in acquiring funding for this vital project.

Grimes said the City of Elba is continually experiencing some expenses on preparing for the levee rehab project and is keeping careful documentation in order to use these expenses as "in-kind" match rather than committing additional cash expenditures. He estimates that Elba already has an infusion of about \$1,000,000 of local in-kind contributions in the levee rehab project, all of which will count on the local matching portion of the overall cost.

The Corps of Engineers has spent an estimated \$400,000 in federal funds on the design work on the Elba levee. That is in addition to the \$100,000 furnished by the Choctawhatchee, Pea, Yellow Rivers Watershed Authority that was used to do the initial survey on the existing levee.

Opp man charged in Elba shooting

by Marvin McLain, Editor

An Opp man has been arrested in connection with a shooting that occurred in Elba last week in the Mulberry Community.

Opp La Vaughn Daniels, 22, of 109 Church Street, Opp, AL, has been arrested and charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

According to Johnny P. Senn, an investigator with the Elba Police Department, on Friday, September 29, it was reported to police that a shooting had occurred at the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Lee Street.

Officers responding to the call found that a vehicle occupied by Taydon Martin and Loretta Smith, both of 729 Lee Street had been fired upon. Martin was the driver of

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

There is good news for those of us worrying about the need for federal funds to repair and build up the Elba levee. The U.S. House and Senate voted last week in conference committee to approve \$1.5 million "seed money" in the 2001 fiscal year for Elba levee work. That is a far cry from what is needed but according to officials at the Corps of Engineers, that is all they can spend during the fiscal year. It will be used to acquire right-of-way property, permits, etc. They can even go out and advertise for contractors and let a bid because of the verbal assistance from the feds that the balance of the necessary funds will be forthcoming in the state budget. Geneva will get the \$500,000 needed to do the design work and get their levee project to the point Elba's is today. Our entire congressional delegation needs a pat on the back for this effort. Personally we got the most phone calls in the last two weeks from either Representative Terry Everett or a member of his staff. Over the long haul, however, we must still look to Senator Richard Shelby and his staff; because our congressional delegation agreed for his office and staff to be in the lead on this much needed project . . . and lead they did!

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to take a more formal approach in their appearance. The council members will wear coats and ties at all future meetings. The entire American society has been in a dress down casual mode for several years now, but we are seeing signs that the fashion designers are beginning to let that trend turn around. Maybe the decision Monday night just happened or maybe the New York fashion designers are having a quiet and early influence on the Elba city officials. Whichever is correct, look for your city officials to be wearing their coats and ties as they sit behind the counter, talk into those fancy microphones and make the sometimes almost life and death decisions over our collective business.

Henrietta Grimes had a birthday one day last week (Number 29 we think - she didn't say). Anyway, we were honored with an invite to share a huge pot of delicious homemade soup she made to celebrate the occasion. Henrietta is known for being a good cook and this big pot of soup was no exception. The down side for all of us food lovers, and the reason we think this was birthday #29, is that we announced that even though she wants and expects a whole bunch more birthdays, there will be no more discussing nor celebrating the events.

By the time you are reading this, the first much publicized presidential debate will be over and it will be time for the news commentators to hammer at the strong and/or weak points of the respective candidates. It happened most glaringly several years ago when Gerald Ford uttered a no-no about Poland and the news media folks hammered away at that until us regular grunts began to believe he was so much dumber than us that we voted against him in wholesale lots. This year there will be more mistakes by both sides. Our friends (and peers) in the media will pick one mistake as the most laughable and descend on the hapless candidate who uttered it like buzzards to road kill on a hot summer morning.

Oh, we will not be watching any of the presidential, vice presidential nor dog catcher debates . . . it is our simple way of protesting the staged, rehearsed presidential candidate utterings of today's political scene.

Alabama voters will be asked to approve several constitutional amendments on the November ballot. Amendment #1 is the attention getter thus far. It deals with a change in the funding of a couple of trust funds we voters were asked to approve several years ago. The trust funds get all the income from some oil and gas drilling royalties generated within the state. The change, if approved, will invest the trust funds in some higher yielding investments but will also divert 35% of any new royalty income to immediately fund such popular projects, such as roads, bridges, state parks, etc. It is the bucking of some mighty smart, respected and influential people within our state. The jury is still out on how our vote will go, but you would probably be safe in betting that we will vote YES. There is still lurking in the back of the mind the idea that Alabama citizens did a great thing by putting the original royalty income checks in the bank and living off the interest. However, people in whom a lot of respect and trust has been vested are endorsing the plan, not as a perfect solution, but as an acceptable solution. Further, this is people who don't have their heads out for a piece of the pie, but simply have their hearts set on making Alabama a better place to live, for all of us. Study the plans, listen to the debates and be prepared to make a learned decision on Amendment #1 in November.



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2000 Census key to New Congressional & Legislative Districts
by Senator Bill Armistead

Well, it's that time of the decade again. The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government make a head count of all people living in the United States every ten years. And this is the year. The original purpose of the head count was to tax the population and determine the number of U.S. Representatives grew from the original 65 to 106. The current House membership of 435 was set by Congress in 1911.

"Apportionment" is the process of allocating the 435 House seats among the states according to the population of each state. But, apportionment is only half the battle of achieving fair representation. States use census data for redrawing or "redistricting" their congressional districts after apportionment. And then these numbers are used to re-draw state legislative districts based on the new population counts. The next fast growing county is Baldwin County with an expected growth rate of 42.3%. The next three fastest growing counties appear to be St. Clair (30.7%), Autauga (30.0%) and Elmore (27.9%). Only two counties appear to have lost population and they are Macon (-5.0%) and Greene (-0.7%). The only two counties to lose population are the only two counties that depend upon gambling for their economic base (more on this at a later date).

With the advance of new computer systems, it would seem to be a simple matter of taking the existing population figures of us on the Legislative Reapportionment Committee will have our work cut out for us in drawing new district lines for the next decade. It is my hope that the legislature can work in a bipartisan manner to get the job done that the people have elected us to do. If the legislature fails to draw lines acceptable to the U.S. Justice Department, the Courts will draw them for us . . . just as they have in past years. This is not in the best interest of the people of our state.

The Justice Department's main concern is to see that no group of people has been discriminated against and to insure that every effort has been given to the minority population to have proper representation at every level. While the U.S. Senate Committee handled in recent years that legislation, we use race as a primary factor for drawing district lines; we have to demonstrate that no group has been discriminated against.

Preliminary estimates show that the state has grown in population by about 10 percent during the last ten years from a little over 4 million people to over 4.4 million. As of the 2000 census and redistricting in the months ahead:

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The following areas were made one for racing styles proper, one for possessors of marijuana, three for violation of open container law, one for assault, one for theft of property, and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week for follows: twelve flag speeding, five for an expired tag six driving while driving license are suspended, four for driver's license not in possession, six for violation of the seat belt law, one for proof of insurance required, one for driving while driver's license are revoked, two for no insurance, two for no driver's license, one for running a stop sign, three for insurance and one for obstructing the driver's view.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

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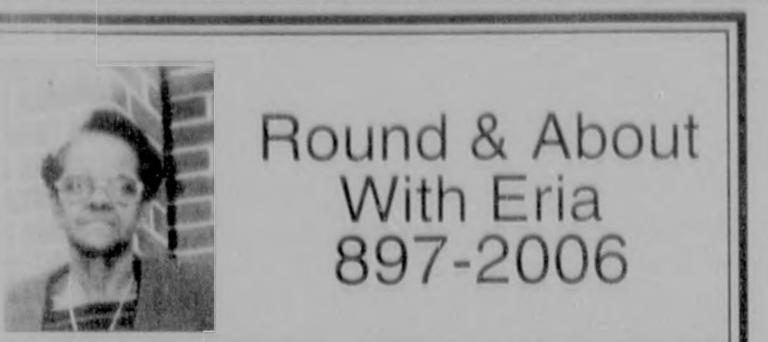
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - River stage - 2.46 feet (6:35 a.m.); Fire department & Coffee County EMS dispatched to a leak at Mullins Apartments (1.21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Thomas Street (1.45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a leak on Claxton Avenue (11:58 p.m.).

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Discouragement

by Lakesta Williams
Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise thy help by the help of his countenance. **Psalm 42:5-6**

The book of Psalms, the writer is in great distress because he is discouraged

He asks his soul in so many words, what is wrong with me? Why am I feeling so

down and depressed? Why art thou disquieted (without peace or tranquility,

uneasiness; disturbed or alarmed) from the word of encouragement which means to

inspire, to stir up, to rouse, to stimulate. To discourage means to deprive of

courage and confidence, to hinder by disfavoring, and to attempt to dissuade.

Discouragement is the act of discouraging. We all face discouragement in our

lives. Sometimes discouragement comes from our lack of understanding

of the expectations of others or things might not always go the way that we plan.

These things may include hopes and dreams for the future, plans for education,

family, church or career. We can experience personal discouragement, in which we

cannot see a way out of a situation, or we can experience spiritual discouragement

or fear of failing God by allowing doubt and mistrust to come in and kill our hope.

We can also experience discouragement from others, who may doubt our abilities

or discourage us for various reasons such as a lack of confidence, prejudice, jealousy, or inferiority. Whatever it is we must not forget that Jesus is the help of our

soul in times of discouragement and comes

Past Present and Future Anxieties

In all of our lives, we have made mistakes. The good thing about mistakes is that God gives us understanding and from them we learn and grow. We

will know what to do with it. Sometimes, as Christians can fail so much that we

no matter how much fails us or we don't live up to our own expectations, how we

think that our life should be, we can feel bad about it. Past is past.

There will be a singing in the

Homecoming planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Homecoming is planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church Sunday, October 8. Guest speaker for the

morning worship service will be Rev. Ben Amlong. A covered dish fellowship will follow at noon.

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SCHOOLS

Student Spotlight



by Francie English

Name: Shonda Morris
Parents: Gail and Edward Morris
Age: 14-years-old
Favorite color: black or silver
Favorite music: anything and everything
Clubs/Activities: FFA, FHA, and Interact
Interests/Hobbies: Listening to the radio and hanging out with friends
Personal quote: "If you think you can..."



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
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TIGER BRIEFS

Accounting Assembly

by Katie Crowe

On September 15, Brian Free, a Certified Public Accountant from Carr, Riggs, and Ingram accounting firm came and spoke to a group of students about careers in accounting. Mr. Free gave an overview of accounting places where accountants work, job options, and salaries. Mr. Carley, the Guidance Counselor at Elba High School, would like to thank Mr. Free for taking time out of his busy schedule to come talk to our students. Mr. Free is one of many speakers to come present programs on career opportunities

Presidential Classroom

Capital Hill, The White House, the Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives are sites that can be visited during Presidential Classroom. Presidential Classroom is a trip to Washington for Seniors in order to learn more about how American government works. This week long trip allows students with at least a "B" average or ranking in the top 25% of their class to experience all the splendor of Washington. Trips will begin in January and end in July. The cost is around \$950, but the cost does not include transportation to and from Washington. All Senior students interested please contact Mrs. Weeks for more information.

Co-Op Spotlight

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Shannon Winters, a 16-year-old employee of the Dairy Queen where she is a cashier and cook.

Shannon's parents are Donna and Rex Messick, and she is a junior at Elba High School. She is a member of VICA, FCCLA and the Marching Tiger Band.

Shannon has not decided on a major, but she plans on attending college.

Tabitha Schultz

by Cammie Kelley

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Elba Elementary School Menu Oct. 9 - 13, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday & Tuesday - No School
Wednesday - Chicken Fried Steak
Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Field Peas, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk

LUNCH

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Thursday

- Spaghetti w/ Meat
Sauce, Butterbeans, Crackers, Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Friday - Homecoming - Dismiss at 11:20 a.m.

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Elba FFA Chapter's Fruit Sale Begins

The FFA members from the Elba FFA Chapter will be taking orders during September and October for delicious, nutritious holiday fruit. Fresh fruit is a natural agri-products product in which FFA members can promote and support agriculture every time they sell a carton of oranges, grapefruit, or apples. Almost every family is a potential customer because almost everyone buys fruit during the holiday season.

and advisor appreciate your help and support with the fruit sale. The following is a list of prices of last year's fruit sale: 4/8 bushel box, (not a 4/5 full box), \$18.00
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(2/5 carton) \$10.00
Red Grapefruit (4/5 carton) \$18.00
(2/5 carton) \$10.00
Yellow Apple (1 bu. box) \$24.00
Red Del. Apple (1 bu. box) \$24.00
(1/2 bu. box) \$13.00

Mixed Fruit (4/5 carton only) \$24.00*

Tangerines (2/5 carton only) \$16.00
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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has been making monthly trips to the orthodontist for almost two years, and last week was beaming with pride when we walked in the office because it was going to mark the first time in over a year that she had made it through the month without having any brackets come loose.

As it turned out she did have one bracket that was hanging by its wire and had to be replaced. However, the twenty-minute trip to the doctor was our shortest in a long time, and we celebrated with breakfast. The monthly trips aren't fun for either one of us, but they do give us some quality time together, and after the trips I always realize just how lucky a Dad I am.

ELBA TIGERS BLOWN AWAY BY HURRICANES' FURY

The Elba Tigers made their first trip to Flomaton in many, many years last Friday night for an important Class 3A, Region 1 match up that was stopped with the Elba folks are like me, they left hoping it is many, many more years before we have to go back!

The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 0-5 and also saw a teammate leave the field by helmet Friday night in a game that was stopped with the Elba players were manhandled by the Hurricanes in the second half, and the Tigers and their coaches saw the wheels come off the wagon a long way from home.

Elba did have some success running the corners early in the game, but in the second quarter managed only 18 yards rushing as the Flomaton defense ignored the pass and loaded up the line to stop the run. The Tiger defense held the Hurricanes to "three and out" on both of their possessions in the opening quarter, but the 'Canes began to find some cracks in the Tigers' defense late in the half, and managed to grab a 14-0 lead.

At halftime, Elba went into the dressing room down 14-0 and seemed a little confused on both sides of the football. In the third quarter the Tigers looked a little confused, and more than a little frustrated, and their wheels came off the wagon as the frustrations grew and the Elba players began to fuss among themselves as Flomaton exploded and blew the game wide open.

The third quarter was on, that the players, coaches and fans would like to forget, as the heavy toll of five straight losses this season may have finally taken its toll.

It was a wasted trip for most of the Elba fans, and while the people down in Flomaton were certainly not to blame, I hope that when the state changes the regions in two years Elba can somehow bypass the pretty little town.

RESCUE SQUAD COULD HAVE PREVENTED LONG NIGHT

I know that many small towns all across the nation Elba included, have had problems maintaining a Rescue Squad. I am not pointing the blame at anyone, but if there had been a Rescue Squad at the Elba-Flomaton football game Friday night it would have saved a lot of worry, tears and time for the hundreds of Elba supporters at the game. I agree that Elba's Alan Head was need of medical attention after taking a head-on collision with a Flomaton player that he never saw coming, but I am also convinced that if there had been a Rescue Squad or ambulance service at the game, Head would have been taken to a hospital and could have easily been back on the field within a few hours. I am also convinced that if there had been a Rescue Squad available at high school games, and I think it is time the Alabama High School Athletic Association stepped in and mandates that a Rescue Squad that is able to transport patients or an ambulance service, is on the scene at all high school football games. If someone had suffered a heart attack at the game last week, they might not have still been alive by the time the helicopter from Pensacola landed!

WEEK #5 IS A WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS TO FORGET

The fifth week of the high school football season was not one of the best for area teams; as only the Brantley Bulldogs managed a win, and they got it at the expense of the Kinston Bulldogs. Here's a quick look back...

*** BRANTLEY (3-2) trailed upstart Kinston 14-7 early in the first quarter, but erased that lead with a 14-0 run in the second half. The 14-14 region win, Brantley may have still been suffering from the results of its loss to Southern Choctaw, or might have been caught by surprise by the vastly-improved Kinston team. No matter what, it made a lot of Brantley fans feel better once they began rolling and putting points on the scoreboard. It may be time for the Bulldogs from Crenshaw County to start showing their teeth!

*** KINSTON (2-3) stunned high-powered Brantley by jumping out to a quick 14-7 lead, but simply didn't have enough weapons to shoot down the visiting Bulldogs and lose its first regional game of the season 48-14. Kinston showed the ball right down Brantley's throat on its opening drive and displayed some of its offensive power, then showed off its passing game and moved ahead. Coach Claude Giddens' team was looking for any momentum after the win, and a 48-14 whipping certainly isn't the kind of moral victory. However, Kinston should realize just what it can and can't do after last week, and should only get better from the experience.

*** NEW BROCKTON (0-5) never had a chance last week and took it on the chin 40-12 from Houston County to fall to 0-5 on the season. The Brockton defense simply didn't have the speed to contain the quick Lions' running backs, while the Gamecock offense was out manned all across the field. There will be some games left on the schedule in which the Gamecocks have a shot at winning, but last week they simply had two chances - slim and none - against Houston County. The Gamecocks know that they are out manned at times, but have to keep working hard and believe that

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what they are doing will pay off in the long run. Because it will! *** ZION CHAPEL (2-3) hung in there with G.W. Long for almost two quarters Friday night, but then ran out of gas and couldn't keep up with the speedy visitors as they lost 52-20, in a region game. The Rebels came out ready to play and had to surprise Long by scoring twice in the opening half, and at the same time showed the coaches and themselves that they could play with one of the state's top teams when they play their best. A 52-point whipping isn't anything to feel good about, but Zion Chapel did do some good things over. Oh well, the local guesser is an avid Tiger fan, even if he does pick em to lose. Here are this week's picks....

QUICK KICKS...

*** The youth soccer program in Elba will open its fall season this weekend with a full slate of games set to be played at Miller Stadium. The age divisions are 6 and Under, 9 and Under and 12 and Under, and all three groups will take the field Saturday morning for their first matches. The game played by the Elba youngsters might not resemble what you have been seen on the tube, but they have been working hard, and ready or not, it is time to hit the field.

*** The fast-pitch softball program in Elba is winding down, but last week travel down to the state line to tangle with the Florida Wildcats. The youth girls ages 12 and under, edged Opp 2-1 for their first win in the region. The girls ages 14 and under, also claimed a win. The sport is still new to Elba and the pitching is nowhere like what is seen on TV; however, the girls are all excited about playing the new game, and will post a big win.

ELBA'S HIGHLAND HOME

The Tigers found out the hard way that it is hard to play winning football in the wrath of a hurricane, and got blown away last week by Hurricane Flomaton. This week the Tigers will head up the road to take on the Flying Squadron of Highland Home, and they had better be prepared because the Squardon is loaded with ammunition and has the Tigers in their sights.

HIGHLAND HOME 40 ELBA 12

ZION CHAPEL 32 FLORALA 12

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Bulldogs put up a pretty good fight last week against Brantley for a quarter, but simply weren't the big dogs in the fight, and dropped from atop the region standings. This week Kinston will head over to Pleasant Home to see if they can get a little revenge. The band from Leroy performed the fight song twice to try and keep the fans awake, and while it won't be easy, the 'Dogs should have enough to bring home a win.

KINSTON 27 PLEASANT HOME 14

NEW BROOKTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Gamecocks were totally out matched last week in a loss to Geneva County, but the gap was even bigger when they head over near the Georgia state line to tangle with the Lions of Houston County. This week from New Brookton need to travel and support their team because this may be one in which the Lions can pick the score.

HOUSTON COUNTY 41 NEW BROOKTON 6

BRANTLEY VS. ARINTON

The Bulldogs flexed their muscles last week in taking care of Kinston, but they will try to go out and show the Arinton Purple Cats that they have no business on the field with the talented 'Dogs. The 'Cats might be able to keep it close for a little while, but look for the Bulldogs to pull away and keep on rolling past any and all region opponents.

BRANTLEY 46 ARINTON 8

OTHER PICKS:

DOUGLASS 10 BARBOUR COUNTY 10

CARROLL 21 NORTHWEST 3

CARROLL 34 GREENVILLE 18

CHARLES HENDERSON 42 SOUTHSIDE 0

GENEVA 14 DAILEYVILLE 13

HEADLAND 20 ABERDEEN 13

HILLREST 21 OPP 14

RED LEVEL 40 BARBOUR COUNTY 8

COTTONTREE 16 HUNTSVILLE ACADEMY 3

GENEVA 33 SANSON 22

GOSSHEN 27 GEORGIA 14

WICKSBURG 27 SLOCUMB 13

STRAUGHN 32 ST JUDGE 10

JACKSON 20 ANDALUSIA 7

DALE COUNTY 29 ASHFORD 0

COTTONTREE 20 HUNTSVILLE 20

SMITH'S STATION 24 AUBURN 21

OPELKA 42 RUSSELL COUNTY 0

WILCOX CENTRAL 52 MONROE COUNTY 12

T.R. MILLER 17 CLARK COUNTY 15

WASHINGTON COUNTY 41 GULF SHORES 8

W.S. NEAL 20 LUVIERNE 14

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SPORTS

Rebels fall to G.W. Long 52-20

It was a long night in Jack

By Randy Winters, Sportswriter

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled the high-powered G.W. Long Rebels on even terms for two quarters, but simply didn't have enough weapons to keep up the fight for the entire game, and watched as Long pulled away in the second half to post a wild 52-20 win, Friday night at Zion Chapel.

The loss dropped Zion Chapel's record to 2-3, 1-2 in Region play,

while G.W. Long upped its slate to 4-1, 2-1 in Region action.

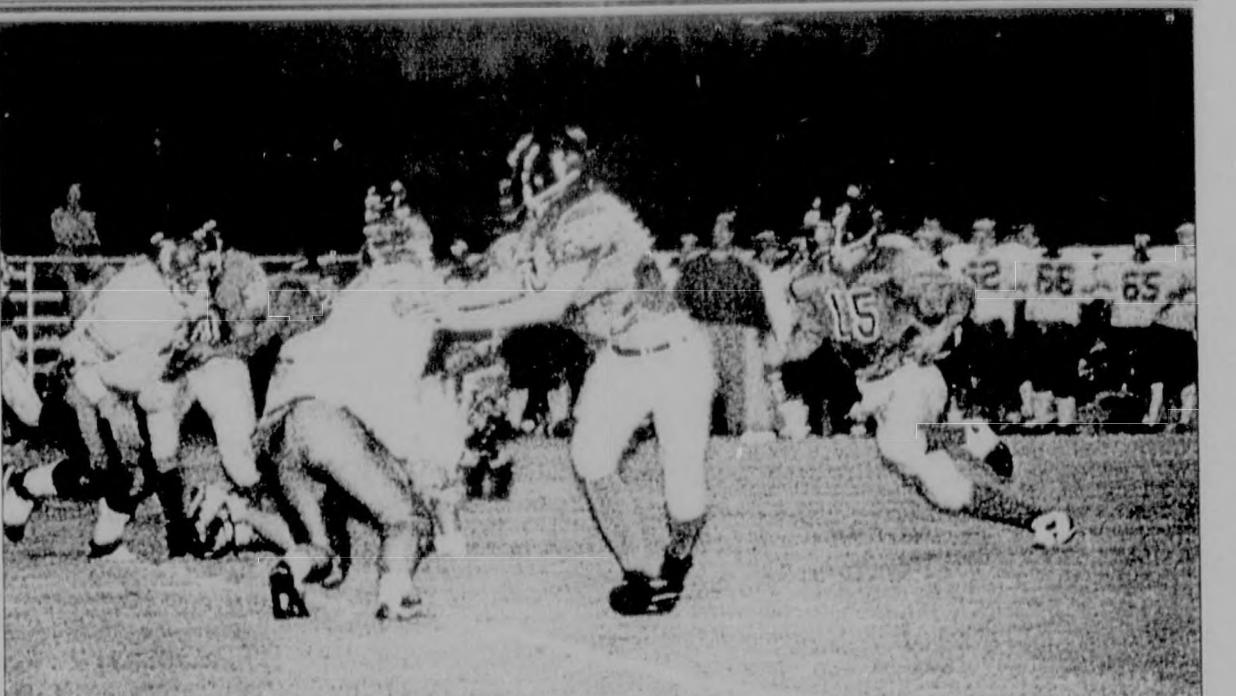
Zion Chapel came out ready to play against their highly-favored visitors and trailed only 21-13 in the second quarter. However, G.W. Long scored on three straight possessions to blow the game open, and pulled away to post the big region win.

Zion Chapel's touchdowns came on runs of 30 yards and 3 yards by Marcus Taylor, while on a 3-yard

scamper by Josh Mehaffey. Lorenza Williams scored 5 touchdowns to spark G.W. Long, with the scores coming on runs of 9, 5, 45 and 5 yards, and the fifth touchdown coming on a 14-yard pass reception from Brian Johnson. Also scoring for Long were Johnny Wigham and Fred Grubbs, both on 10-yard runs.

STATISTICS

ZC	GWL
14	1st Downs 11
34-144	Rushes-Yds. 35-322
80	Passing Yds. 42
224	Total Offense 364
6-13-2	Passes 3-5-1
2-21	Punts-Ave. 0-00
3/2	Fumbles/Lost 0/0
7-45	Penalty Yds. 17-160



Zion Chapel quarterback Marcus Taylor (15) heads upfield for a big gain in the Rebels' 20 loss to G.W. Long last week. Taylor scored touchdowns on runs of 30 and 3 yards for the Rebels in the region 2 loss.

New Brockton outscored by Geneva County 40-12

Gamecocks no match for hungry Bulldogs

From Staff Reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall flat short Friday night as the Geneva County Bulldogs posted a 40-12 win, at Gamecock Stadium.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 0-5, while the Bulldogs improved their slate to 4-1 with the win.

Geneva County totally dominated

the action in the opening half and went in at intermission with a 28-0 lead, then upped its lead to 34-0 early in the third quarter.

New Brockton got on the scoreboard when Ricky Anderson broke through to block a punt and recovered it. Andy Jackson kicked up the blocked kick and rambled 52 yards to the endzone.

The two-point try failed, but the Gamecocks were on the scoreboard and had cut the Bulldog lead to 34-6.

The Gamecocks' final score came

with only :15 left on the clock when Tyler Simmons clinched a 95-yard drive by bullding over from 1 yard out, but it was too little, too late, as the last touchdown only changed the final score, as Geneva County posted the win 40-12.

Tyler Simmons gained 150 yards on 30 carries and pulled in 2 passes for 26 yards to spark the New Brockton offense, while Nathan Rainey added 64 yards rushing scamper.

The Gamecock defense was led by Demetrius Foster with 7 tackles and Tyler Simmons with 6 stops.

Andre Golson gained 190 yards on 9 carries and scored touchdowns on runs of 62, 50 and 32 yards to lead the Bulldog attack, while Scott Hutcherson scored on an 8-yard run, Jeffery Anderson scored on a 42-yard run, and Ken Lawson added a 5-yard touchdown scamper.

WEEK #6 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS

Following are area results from last week's high school football action:	
Central, PC 2 Dothan 0	Goshen 34 Red Level 22
Auburn 34 Enterprise 14	Lanier 27 Jeff Davis 21
Rehobeth 21 Abbeville 14	R.E. Lee 39 Thompson 35
Genesee 7 Dale County 6	Mills 30 Pleasant Home 14
Daleville 21 Headland 14	Northview 34 Eufaula 14
Houston County 38 Cottonwood 12	Opelika 42 Smiths Station 12
Geneva County 40 New Brockton 12	Pike County 86 Barbour County 13
Brentley 48 Kinston 14	Starhouse Elmore 48 Greenvile 13
Wicksburg 40 Houston Academy 7	Thomaston 35 Georgiana 22
G.W. Long 52 Zion Chapel 13	T.R. Smith 38 Hillcrest 21
Anton 34 Flora 6	Thomaston 52 Opp 12
Ashford 14 Bullock County 8	UMS Wright 20 Andalusia 7
	W.S. Neal 44 Gulf Shores 6
	Prattville 42 Carver 0

Zion Chapel's Patrick Ogleby (1) reaches back as a pass sails his way in the Rebels' region 2 clash with G.W. Long.

Ft. Rucker to host three person scramble on October 13 at Silver Wings course

The 1st-11th Aviation Regiment Family Readiness Group will sponsor a three person golf scramble on October 13 at the Silver Wings Golf Course, at Ft. Rucker.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes a cart, greens fees, one door prize and barbecue.

For more information call 255-3164.

Elba's Streetman gets first checkered flag

Points leaders take wins in SAS racing on Sept. 25

By Mark Chisum

For the most part, the features at South Alabama Speedway on Saturday, September 25, were a reflection of the season as three of the winners were points leaders. Limited Late Model points leader Royce Johnston, Super Stock's Jody Hendren, and Jason Kendrick in Street Stock lead the way in their respective classes and all three took feature wins Saturday night. The other two winners visited victory lane for the first time this year.

In Limited Late Model action, Johnston led flag to flag to win his race. Derris Bell, who had been unable to stay in the lead behind Johnston during the race, but unable to mount any kind of challenge, Mike Henderson's third place showing matched his season's best finish. Bret Rogers ran fourth with Marty Critten fifth.

Henderson also led all 25 laps to win the Super Stock Feature. It was Henderson's eighth win of the year. Bill Brown ran a strong second to score his best finish of the year. Terry Smith also had his season's best finish, third. Mark Davis experienced clutch problems on the last lap but managed a fourth place finish. Doug Sutley was fifth, also his season's best.

Kendrick took the lead from Max Nelson and Bobby Richardson on the last 9 other teams to take the win. The winning team dedicated the win to Nelson, who was still recovering from injuries received in a September 9th Roadrunner wreck. Waylon Nelson had won two previous wheelbarrow races and had instructed his brother that "he better win the wheelbarrow

race". Nelson and Richardson came through, easily out-distancing the competition.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539.

Results

Limited Late Model

1. Royce Johnston	Jason Kendrick
2. Derris Bell	Scott Whitehead
3. Mike Henderson	3. Waylon Spivey
4. Bret Rogers	4. Johni Senn
5. Marty Critten	5. Kenneth Adkins
6. Tom Galbreath	6. William Blackmon
7. Rick Norrity	7. Dalton Spears
8. Heath Mills	8. Brian Marin
9. Doug Rogers	DQ Michael Tillery

Street Stock

1. Jody Hendren	1. Blake Streetman
2. Bill Brown	2. Timbo Kendrick
3. Leroy Smith	3. Harold Hurt
4. Mark Davis	4. Tim Hudson
5. Doug Sutley	5. Jerry Hudson
6. Chris Wilkerson	6. Shannon Boykin
7. Mike Boykin Jr.	7. Mike Boykin Sr.
8. Stacey McVay	8. Jamie Bowers
9. David Ashley	9. Ray Webb
10. Corey Dunn	10. Jason Singletary
11. James Napper	11. Kevin Raifield
12. Bob Jones	12. Dennis Nunn
13. Eugene Bell	13. DQ Michael Tillery

Super Stock

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New Brockton High School Homecoming Parade



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COMMUNITY

Anne Cline participates in cancer walk in Atlanta

On the weekend of Sept. 22-24, Anne Cline of Elba participated in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day in Atlanta.

"This was one of the most important things I have ever done for someone else," Cline said.

Throughout the year from May to October, approximately 20,000 women and men from all walks of life come together to participate in 3-Day events in seven cities across the U.S.: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington DC.

During each event participants walked approximately 60 miles over three days to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. To participate every walker must raise a minimum of \$1,800. Monies raised fund medical research, support services for breast cancer survivors, patients and their families, educational seminars and early detection services. This year Avon awarded UAB's Comprehensive Cancer Center with \$2.2 million to boost its already strong commitment to breast cancer research and patient care.

Walkers in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day are challenged both mentally and physically, but the Avon 3-Days are not solely for athletes. People of all ages and physical fitness levels take part, and participants travel at their own pace walking an average of 20 miles a day. Every step of the way, an army of 500 volunteer crew support the walkers with catered hot meals, gear transport, water and snack stops, live flowers and comprehensive medical services.

"It was very inspirational to watch walkers and crew members give so much of themselves for the breast cancer cause," said Cline.

She said 2,670 participants raised \$7.9 million in Atlanta this year, and the 3-Day events of 2000 raised \$40 million altogether.

"As I crossed the finish line tired and sore, I had no choice but to go straight to the tent to sign up for next year's 3-Day event," Cline said. "My walking doesn't only help me, it helps many others."

For more information about the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day, call Anne or call toll free (888) 3 DAY AVON.

College Street Assembly of God in Enterprise to host team from Alabama Teen Challenge

The College Street Assembly of God Church will host a team from Alabama Teen Challenge during the 11 a.m. Services on Oct. 8. Everyone is invited to attend as it will be

a message of deliverance from God and other addictions through the power of Jesus Christ.

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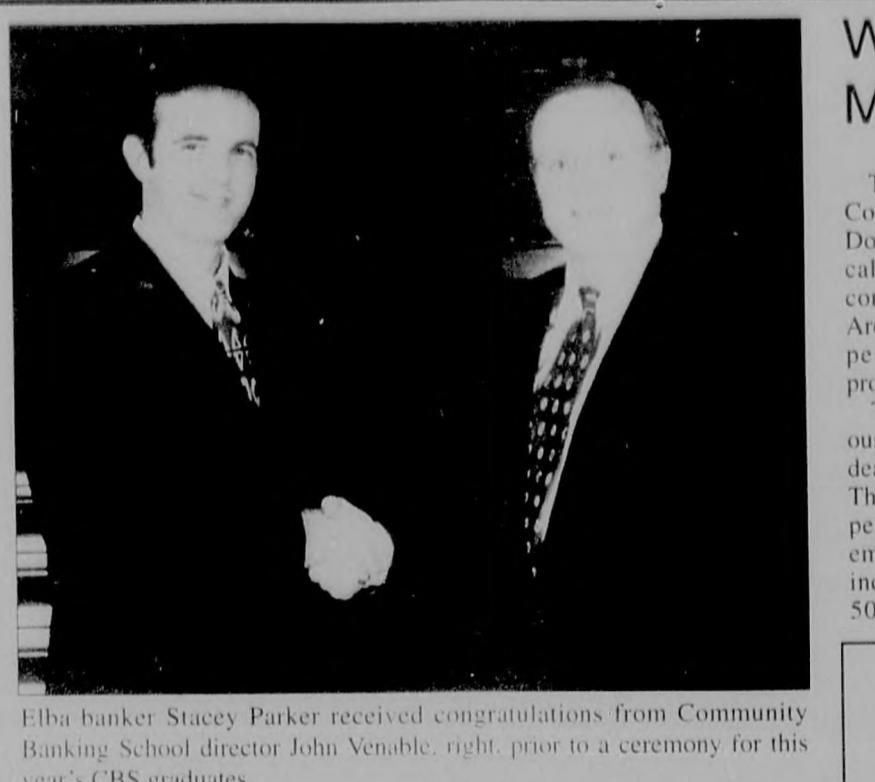
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Elba banker Stacey Parker received congratulations from Community Banking School director John Venable, right, prior to a ceremony for this year's CBS graduates.

Area banker receives certificate at Sanford

and the Community Bankers Association of Alabama (CBA).

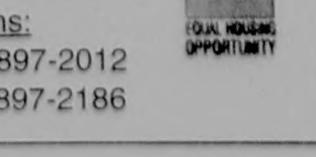
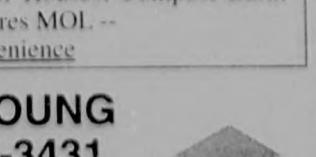
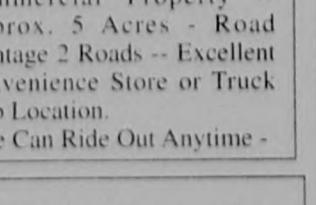
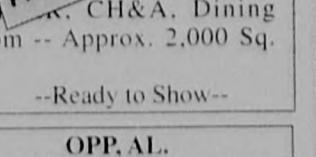
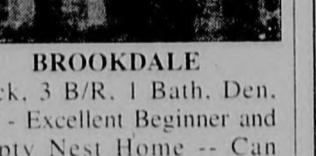
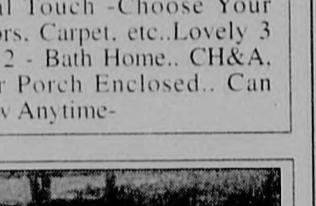
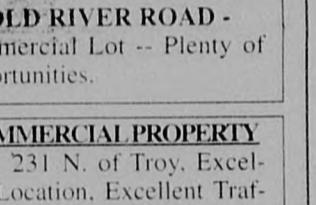
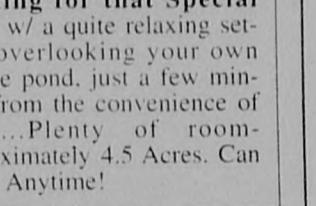
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Elba High School will soon be giving parents and guardians a chance to "discover" their children's schools.

What better way to show students, parents, and guardians the importance of their involvement in their school-aged children's education. Last year more than 100,000 parents attended activities at almost every Alabama public school.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual banquet



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) is captured above with Everett Kelley, president of Kelley Foods of Alabama. Kelley Foods was the recipient of the Business of the Year Award last Thursday night at the Elba Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet. As Mayor Grimes presented the award to Kelley Foods, he referred to the business as a real success story for the City of Elba.



AWARD WINNERS...Several awards were presented to chamber volunteers and businesses at the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet which was held last Thursday evening, Sept. 28. Award recipients include (from left to right): Linda Hodge - Ambassador of the Year; Jimmie Harrison - Take Charge Award; Dawn Austin - Spirit of Elba Award; and Doris Mathews - representing The People's Bank of Coffee County which was honored with the Chamber Member of the Year Award. Jerry Kelley, who was the recipient of the Behind the Scenes Award was not able to attend the banquet.



LARGE CROWD...This is only a portion of the large crowd which was on hand for the annual chamber banquet last Thursday evening. The crowd was evidence of the good things that are going on with the chamber as it continues to grow. Currently, the chamber has a record 131 members and conducted 13 ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses throughout the past year.



GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP...Those attending the chamber banquet were treated to a delicious meal before the awards were presented. Also following the meal, the crowd watched a video highlighting three businesses in Elba. These businesses were Demise's Hair and Nail Salon, The National Security Group, Inc. and Moseley's Studio. "Spotlight on Business" was the theme for this year's banquet, and these businesses were prime examples of what makes the Elba Chamber of Commerce successful.

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eight stray dogs and transported them to the pound in Elba.

The next regular monthly meeting of the town council will be held on Monday, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber located in New Brockton Town Hall.

Other matters acted on by the council consisted of the following:

• Designated The Peoples Bank as the temporary depository for the town funds.

• Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$17,690.36.

• Approved the employment of part-time help for the city clerk (Heilen Burrows - a maximum of 20 hours per week at minimum wage as long as funds are available).

• Set trick or treat hours 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on October 31 (Halloween) for children 12 years old and younger, accompanied by an adult.

• Approved sending out bid requests for providing insurance for the town.

• Voted to advertise for bids on the garbage collection contract for the town.

• Gave approval to Tony Bloodworth to attend an animal control training seminar in Auburn.

• Approved payment of \$1,000 to the county middle school students during recent meeting

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education meeting in regular session last Thursday evening and gave special recognition to three county middle school students.

The three students recognized were participants in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. They were Brett Parrish and David Anderson, both eighth graders at New Brockton Middle School, and Levi Brown, a Zion Chapel Middle School eighth grader.

At three students, who were seventh graders, were given the chance to take the ACT exam last year.

In order to do this, they had to be in the 95th percentile or better on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in language, reading or math.

These students did so well on their scores, they were recognized at the state level. Duke University will continue to track these students through their education process.

Kathy Sawyer, who is the gifted education teacher in the Coffee County School System, commented that 42 county students are eligible to participate in the program this year.

She noted that at this time how many students will actually take the ACT this year.

Council meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m., rather than the previous 6:00 p.m. starting time.

On a split 3-2 vote the council members decided to make the dress code for all elected officials at council meetings coat and ties, the motion by Councilman Hammond was supported by Council members Harold Spicer and Junior Culver. Councilman David Banstra and Mayor James Grimes voted against the motion while Councilman L. M. Bush abstained, saying it didn't matter to him either way.

Policie Chief Whitworth presented each council member with a copy of the police department's printed standard operating procedure for review.

Dr. Linda Ingram gave board members a brief overview of the

next several months he will be "gathering data" on the superintendent's performance of his duties, as well as conducting an interview with Bowden. Board members, as well as principals and members of the central office staff, will be asked to fill out anonymous assessments of

the superintendent as required by the State Board of Education.

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the county's architectural consultants, reported that work should begin in the classrooms within the next one to two weeks. Demolition work is scheduled at both sites this week since school is out.

Board members received an

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